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Little Lucas gets to see Premier league stars

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Youngsters get crime-cracking tips from police

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City centre's parking fees killing business

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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TRADERS in the city centre have accused Milton Keynes Council of 'killing businesses'.

Those with shops in thecentre:mk are facing closure or downsizing as they say controversial parking changes implemented by the council in January have led to less shoppers in the city.

Now a business leader is demanding the council reviews its decision to remove the 3,872 free green spaces and increase the number of red premium-rate spaces by 981.

Terry Loran has run his company Initially Yours from a retail management unit in thecentre:mk for two years.

But he is having to shut up shop on April 30 after experiencing a 30 per cent drop in sales compared to this time last year and claims the parking change was 'the straw that broke the camel's back'.

He said: "The drop of people coming here has been unbelievable.

"Give it six months, there will be a bloodbath of places going out of business. I give the centre three to five years before it really starts to struggle.

He said he has seen a drop in the number of people visiting MK from places like Kent and Leicester, adding: "It could be the petrol prices, but the parking must make people think 'why should I come here?'"

GH Nikoosimaitak has two units for his Little Timbers business but says he may have to close one of them after a 35 per cent drop in sales. He claims this is the worst year he has experienced since setting up 16 years ago.

He said: "The council is killing businesses - other shopping centres, like Blue Water or Meadowhall, have free parking."

Shutting up shop: Terry Loran is moving out of thecentre:mk, claiming parking charges were the straw that broke the camel's back

Chamber of Commerce chief executive Rita Spada said it is worried about the impact the parking changes are having on retail, small businesses and employees.

She added: "As a chamber we expect the council to review its decision within the next year and consider whether this continues to be the right decision for MK."

Mr Loran thinks more shoppers would be tempted to visit the city if they were charged £3 a day, rather than £1.20 an hour.

A council spokesman responded, saying: "There are still around 1,000 free spaces near the market by the food hall and in the theatre multi-storey.

"Also many shoppers visit for several hours, not all day, so it could cost shoppers more to park if there was a £3 flat rate."

thecentre:mk declined to comment.

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Gareth Bell from Northgate Public Services and Kevin Gregory from Slab & Tickle join the fun in the sand pit

Local companies help with play area makeover

PARENTS and children visiting a Bletchley Sure Start centre can now enjoy a new outdoor play area.

A group of volunteers, including staff from Northgate Public Services, have recently helped complete the refurbishment of the outdoor area at The Art Room Sure Start Children's Centre at Drayton Park School. The work involved clearing, repainting and recovering parts of the play area and also preparing the site for a new sand pit and playhouse.

The Northgate volunteers were taking advantage of the company's community volunteering scheme where staff are given time off to support local community projects.

Dobbies Garden Centre and Slab & Tickle both donated materials to the project.

The centre provides a place for parents and children to attend play sessions and access services from a wide range of professionals.

Rail freight depot 'vital' to MK future

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A RAIL freight terminal is vital to the city's economy, a business leader has said this week.

In June, Milton Keynes will lose up to 1,000 jobs when Tesco moves its distribution centre from Fenny Lock to Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal.

The supermarket giant is opening a new depot at the site to allow more products to be transported by rail as it is cheaper and more efficient than using the roads.

Following an article in last week's MK NEWS, in which key stakeholders gave their ideas for the city's future, chief executive of Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, Rita Spada, has called for a rail freight terminal.

She said: "The expertise and imagination exists in Milton Keynes to have crafted a solution for Tesco.

"A strategic transport vision and aspiration is absolutely critical if we are to respond effectively to current and future industry. This is vital if we are to retain our competitiveness."

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> **– Rita Spada, leader of Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce**

Ken Baker, an architect at David Lock Associates in CMK, had a key role in the original design of Milton Keynes.

He said: "The majority of the goods on the shelves are brought in by container. We can't continue pushing these containers onto the roads which are already so congested."

Milton Keynes Council recently released a transport strategy for 2011 to 2030 on key issues including expanding grid roads and redways – but not a rail freight terminal.

A council spokesman said: "The council's transport strategy recognises that the movement of freight plays an important role.

"Although road to rail freight in the short-term is not a viable option, we will continue to review opportunities."

Last week stakeholders claimed Milton Keynes needs things like a monorail and a university to ensure people and businesses continue to come to the city.

To find out what readers would like to see in Milton Keynes, turn to letters on page 4.

Nurse killed by gas after DIY boiler repair

A NURSE died of carbon monoxide poisoning after her boiler broke, an inquest has been told.

Josette Whitby, 75, was found dead in the living room of her home in Renfrew Way, Bletchley, by her husband Alan on the morning of December 7.

An inquest on Friday was told Mr Whitby had attempted to fix the circuit board in the boiler a few days earlier and had left the cover off, allowing carbon monoxide to escape into the home. This was made worse by a fan heater, which spread the gas around the room.

There was a carbon monoxide detector near the boiler, but it was not working.

On the night of her death, Mrs Whitby, a nurse at The Leonard Cheshire Care Home, had stayed downstairs in the living room while her husband went upstairs to bed.

According to toxicology reports from the post mortem examination, the carbon monoxide levels in her blood were at a deadly 60 per cent.

The cause of death was determined as carbon monoxide poisoning.

Coroner Rodney Corner said: "It was a calamity. If she had gone upstairs to bed maybe she wouldn't have died like this."

Codecrackers set to get memorial

Bletchley Park war heroes to be honoured

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE codebreakers who served during the Second World War could soon be remembered with a memorial.

A plan has been submitted to MK Council by the Bletchley Park Trust to erect an eight-foot-high statue commemorating the work of those who helped to crack the German Enigma code and those of the other Axis countries.

The memorial would be located outside Block B at the famous estate, with concrete wheelchair access, and would consist of two large stone blocks interlocked at the top.

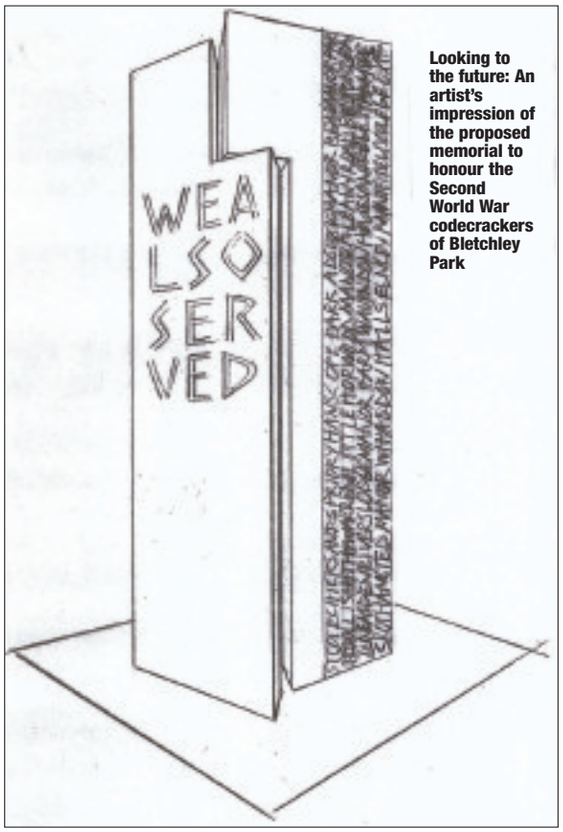
One would display the logo 'We also served' which was on the badges of the codebreakers, and on the other would be a list of some of the 300-plus outstations which worked across the country alongside the Bletchley Park hub.

Simon Greenish, director of the trust, said: "The two pieces interlocking are to signify the people who worked here and at the outstations in different stages.

"We couldn't fit all of the other places that worked in conjunction with Bletchley on the one stone, so it's been done as if it's a paper list torn at either end, as though it carries on."

The idea of the memorial was formed following the presentation two years ago of commendation medals to some of those who served at Bletchley, and it was thought something to remember all of them would be fitting.

Following a consultation it was decided Bletchley would be the most appropriate place and the memorial, funded by the Government and intelligence agency GCHQ, should open in July.



Looking to the future: An artist's impression of the proposed memorial to honour the Second World War codecrackers of Bletchley Park

Killed: Adil Basharat

Fifth man charged with Adil murder

A FIFTH man has been charged with the murder of a teenager from Milton Keynes.

A 19-year-old from Bradville was charged with the murder of Adil Basharat, 16, of Greenleys, yesterday and is due to appear at Northampton Crown Court today.

Adil was stabbed in Stratford Road, Deanshanger, on November 19 last year and died two days later in MK Hospital.

Jake Batten, 21, and Freddy Wilson, Adam Moore and Daniel Anderson, all 19, have also been charged with murder and have been remanded in custody.

Numberplate thief stopper stabbed with screwdriver

A MAN was stabbed with a screwdriver in an attack which left him with serious injuries.

The incident happened last Tuesday about 5pm, when the 51-year-old spotted three men trying to take the number plates off his neighbour's car in Bodiam Close, Shenley Church End.

He came out of his house to confront the men who stabbed him, giving him two, three-inch cuts on his body.

Two 20-year-old men and one 19-year-old man have been arrested on suspicion of causing actual bodily harm.

The 19-year-old has been released on bail until June 6, while the other two men have been released on bail until June 2.

The police are still making enquiries and anyone with information should call 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Suspected traffic accident victim had been attacked

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of causing grevious bodily harm after a 31-year-old was found injured.

The victim, from Oldbrook, was discovered in Oldbrook Boulevard at about 3am on Saturday by a member of the public.

He was taken to MK Hospital where his injuries were originally thought to have been caused by a road traffic collision. He is currently in a stable condition and is expected to make a full recovery.

The 24-year-old man arrested in connection with the incident has been released on police bail until Tuesday.

PC Claire Green, from the Milton Keynes Roads Policing Department, said: "I am keen to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and may have information about this incident."

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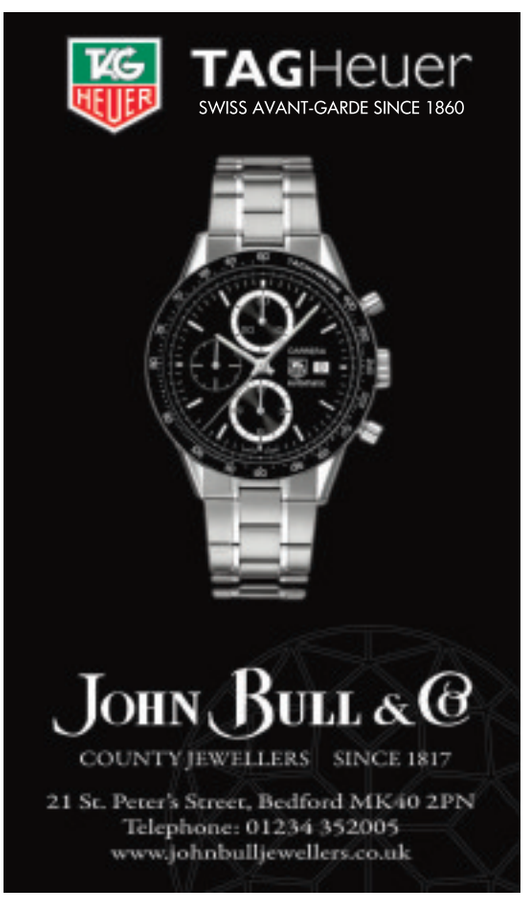

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Let past shape our future

SIR - Regarding your article about the MKCCM meeting in last week's MK NEWS.

My family and I probably represent a large group of the new population of Milton Keynes that moved here as part of an aspirational plan for our growing families.

We were drawn by what MK had been known for, which should not be forgotten when planning for the future. We have been here for seven years and fervently proud of a 'city' (town) that we loudly claim as our own.

We love telling people of the cleanliness, the trees, the public park areas, the schools, the lakes and all the family friendly facilities.

None of these need be sacrificed and indeed must be treasured when planning the exciting future for MK which must also show the dynamic vision that has brought us this far. A city with pretentions such as ours must invest in our future with plans for the most exciting university in the country.

This university needs to plan for a medical school attached to a hospital that must strive for excellence that so far evades most departments.

Milton Keynes Hospital needs massive investment with plans to compare it to Addenbrookes in Cambridge if we are to genuinely plan for our future.

Students bring opportunity and dynamism, the like of which this city will welcome and thrive upon and for which we can plan in a way that no other town or city in the country can.

The new city needs to develop a Central Business District like those new cities in the southern hemisphere such as Melbourne and Aukland.

We have so much to build upon already such as the canal network that can still be a hub of countrywide network as Birmingham has already achieved.

I travel this country continuously as part of my job and am always glad to return to MK and am constantly surprised to hear how much more happy the average inhabitant of MK is compared to those in any other town.

I am a committed season ticket holder and supporter of the MK Dons - not as a football fan I admit - but primarily as a platform to demonstrate my love of all things MK.

Let's all be free thinking and expansive in our planning yet mindful of what got us this far. Go MK!

Nick Connolly
Sent by e-mail

Plenty can be done to MK

SIR - I read Adam Grinsell's article on the MKCCM stakeholders' meeting with great interest.

I met Theo Chalmers when lobbying at Milton Keynes Council for the Wolverton Swimming Pool Complex and enjoyed hearing about Urban Eden and the work of the other groups with him.

I'm glad to see MK NEWS has invited comments and ideas on what people would like to see in a future MK.

Well, for MK to be a city is up there at the top of the list and the grid roads should be extended.

I like the sound of a monorail. Perhaps one going from the coach station to the CMK and possibly on to the business district and station? What an impact it would have when visitors got their first impressions of Milton Keynes. It would shout 21st century innovation.

MK should have a fully developed Technological Park, linking up with a full university.

There's a lot of work ongoing about extending the present centre, I was a lobbyist for the UCMK building and thence onwards to a full university. We're waiting for a white paper at present.

The scrub land in CMK, West End Phase 1, being developed. I lobbied for the project when PFP were proposing to develop it, having previously lobbied for Wolverton Park for them. Now it's got a green light in a different form and I'll be following it with interest. The housing it will provide is greatly needed.

A signature building for MK?

There's a lot of good work going on in job creation for ex-prisoners to find work, and for those who've slipped through the net, with data banks being set up to match voluntary providers of expert knowledge with those who need it. So something like area centres in MK, a sort of Citizens' Advice Bureaux for jobs, placed where they're needed.

I can appreciate what Isabella Fraiser is saying. There's a lot going on in various countries about balancing clearing up the debt with not forgetting the people.

Thanks for asking for our opinions.

Margaret Bowker
Sent by e-mail

AV? It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

SIR - How can our two Conservative MPs say that the Alternative Vote (AV) is 'complex and confusing'? (MK NEWS, April 6).

It is a fairer voting system that is as easy as 1,2,3. AV means that MPs will need to gain 50 per cent plus of the votes to win. That is good for democracy.

Voters will be able to vote for the candidate that they support as their first choice. There will be no fear of a wasted vote. There will be no need for tactical voting.

AV will use the same ballot paper as now, but instead of an X, voters can vote 1,2,3 and so on, in order of their preference. Elections will not cost more. But even if they did; what is the price of democracy?

AV will bring a breath of fresh air to our elections and make MPs more accountable. A 'yes' vote in the referendum on May 5 will be a small step that can make a big difference.

John Pinkerton
Woodhouse Court, Stantonbury Fields

Our opinion still counts

SIR - I see from the report in MK NEWS on April 6 that both Milton Keynes MPs are supporting the No to AV campaign.

This is not too surprising considering that both were elected using the first past the post system with less than 50 per cent of the votes cast.

My MP, Iain Stewart, is quoted as saying that 'it means some people's votes will count for more than others'.

Surely this is the case at the moment where 58.4 per cent of voters in Milton Keynes South constituency actually voted against the winning candidate.

Of those, 26.2 per cent voted for candidates that we knew were unlikely to come higher than third but we voted Lib Dem, Green, UKIP etc because we believed that our chosen candidate best represented our political opinions.

However, had there only been Labour and Conservative candidates it doesn't mean that we wouldn't have voted or that we don't have a preference between these two.

Using AV means that our opinion still counts and that the winning candidate is actually elected by the majority of voters in the constituency, unlike what happens with the first past the post system.

John Napper
Colston Bassett, Emerson Valley

Why not walk instead?

SIR - In the last few weeks I have been following the issues reported in your paper concerning the relandscaping of the central part of Two Mile Ash High Street.

I am only 19 and feel that something needs to be said by the younger generation of residents in this estate in opposition to the plans to pave over the main part of this area.

I have lived here all my life and attended both schools and for almost every day of those eight years I walked. I do not see how schools that are so difficult to secure a place at if you live any real distance away can be so crowded by people in cars every morning and afternoon.

I feel that this new parking is only being created to accommodate a trend of driving children to and from school that we should surly be discouraging, as it was when I attended there.

The greenery and landscaping that will be lost is one more step toward turning Milton Keynes into a concrete jungle and I feel there has to be an easier way to solve a problem that does not seem to exist outside the hours of the school run.

Kitt Owen
Stone Hill, Two Mile Ash

Parking is a real problem

SIR - It would appear that the lessons around parking issues have not been learnt or worse still, been learnt but have not been implemented by Milton Keynes authorities.

Parking in the centre of MK now is in a ridiculous state, with most of the free spaces that workers used gone and charges now in place.

If it rains, all you can see is people walking through the empty premium parking spaces to their own cars carrying heavy bags or shopping because these spaces are left dormant. What is going on!

The last time excessive charges where implemented MK died a death, so much so that the system had to be reformed.

I myself now avoid MK like the plague and shop elsewhere. I am sure I am just one of many. It's okay for the council to implement policies to feed a parking section, but if this policy is to the detriment of the whole, then it is simply an attack on business in the town and a slow and insidious one at that.

A Lee
Sent by e-mail

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Katie and Zoe Barby check out a scene of crime bag as Isabella Caswell wonders whether to answer the phone

'Ello, 'ello, 'ello what's all this 'ere then?

CITY youngsters helped investigate a robbery on Friday.

The young detectives looked into a robbery in which two books were stolen at a special crime event at Wolverton Library.

The crime scene at the learning suite was cordoned off with police tape and Wolverton Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Gemma Hudson taught the six to ten-year-olds how to examine evidence such as footprints and a broken window.

They soon caught the offender who was seen skulking around the library with red on his hands - a wound from breaking the window.

PCSO Hudson, said: "This was a great oppurtunity for us to engage with the community, showing the children what we do on a daily basis. We had a really good time and hopefully they all did too. Hopefully now if they see us out and about they will feel confident to speak to us."

M&S cash to help finish off stadium

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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STADIUMMK could be one step closer to being completed after an application was submitted to build a retail store on the empty neighbouring site.

Popular High Street chain Marks & Spencer has confirmed this week it plans to move into the two-level unit, which will boast a 20,000 sq ft clothing department, an 8,000 sq ft food hall, an extensive home department and an 80-seater cafe.

If the proposal is given the thumbs up by Milton Keynes Council it is hoped the store, which will create up to 200 new jobs, will open in the autumn.

The application has been submitted by Inter MK, the company owned by MK Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman.

Stadiummk opened its doors in 2007, but the upper tier and neighbouring arena at the site at Denbigh North are still incomplete.

Mr Winkelman said: "The stadium was never designed to be built in two phases, however that is the situation we have found ourselves in and the retail development on the site will create the funds needed to finish not only the stadium, but also the aesthetic elements such as the road markings and landscaping."

Rob Davies, Marks & Spencer regional head, said: "We're delighted to be opening a new store at the stadium, boosting our presence in Milton Keynes and providing local shoppers with the very best choice of quality products across fashion, food and homeware. The store will bring a fantastic shopping environment to the area and we're counting down the months to unveiling this exciting, modern store."

The planning application is due to be considered by the council's planning committee on Wednesday, April 27 at 8pm.

Man charged with murder

A MAN has been charged with the murder of Kim Jeffery in Milton Keynes last week.

Blake Ross, 36, from Tavelhurst, Two Mile Ash, appeared at Luton Crown Court on Friday but did not enter a plea.

Ms Jeffery, 36, who was widely known as Kim Randall, died from stab wounds at the address on Sunday, April 10.

On Friday Judge Michael Baker QC remanded Mr Ross in custody until his next court appearance on June 17. A provisional date was set for his trial at the same court on October 3.

Jail for 'friend' who stole £1,000s from pensioner

A WOMAN who stole thousands of pounds from a frail 93-year-old was jailed for 10 months yesterday.

Debora Ann Sutton, 51, of Arncliffe Drive, Heelands, had previously pleaded guilty to committing two counts of fraud by false representation and one offence of theft from a person after taking £11,271.23 from Lily Randall between 2004 and 2010.

PC Marc Miller, leading the investigation, said: "Sutton was not only in a position of trust but a friend to the 93-year-old vulnerable woman.

"She carried out these particularly callous acts over a period of time and the victim tragically died shortly after she found out the circumstances of what had happened.

"On behalf of Thames Valley Police, I would to take this opportunity to offer our sincere condolences and sympathies to the victim's family and friends and thank them for their support.

"Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time and I hope that now they will be able to begin to rebuild their lives."

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British National Party members protest outside the Civic Offices before the Bletchley mosque debate

Approval is given for mosque in pub

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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RESIDENTS are up in arms after plans to turn a disused pub into a mosque were given the green light.

The decision by MK Council's planning committee came as a blow to residents and ward councillors who have been fighting against the plans for the Plough pub in Manor Road, Bletchley.

There was a demonstration by the BNP outside the Civic Offices before the meeting on Thursday, which was attended by members of the right-wing city protest group England is Ours.

And the decision to give the mosque the go-ahead by six votes to three was met with angry expletives and protests from the 50 residents who were also at the meeting.

Tara McClay, 27, lives in Larch Grove, just a few metres from the soon-to-be mosque.

Following the meeting, the mother-of-two said: "I'm disgusted. Everyone's always been dead against it, so I have no idea why the council has let it go ahead. On mosque days it's going to be manic."

Pauline Caspall, 47, who also lives in Larch Grove, added: "I feel robbed. The council didn't listen to us – but it's not on their doorstep."

Those in opposition to the plans voiced concerns over traffic, parking and congestion.

Councillor Mike Galloway, cabinet member for development and member of the planning committee, was among those who voted in favour of the plans.

He said: "The main valid concern was about parking but this was cleared up by the professional advice given to us by the officers.

"In this instance it is a fairly natural location for a mosque. And in answer to those saying we wouldn't know because it's not on our doorstep – if that was the case, no decisions would ever get made."

Revised days for Easter refuse collection service

MK COUNCIL has announced its revised dates for bin collections over the Easter period.

Residents should put out their refuse and recycling on their property boundary by 7am of the revised collection days.

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	REVISED COLLECTION DAY
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Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29
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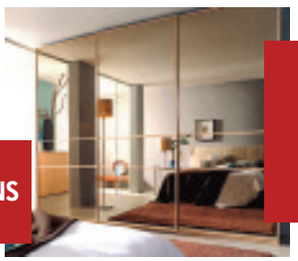

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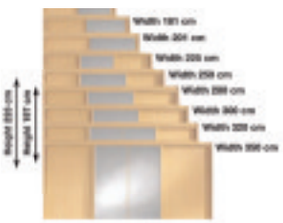

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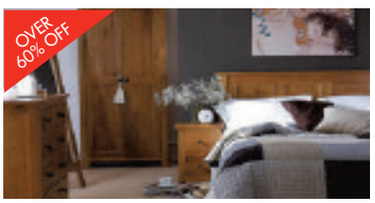

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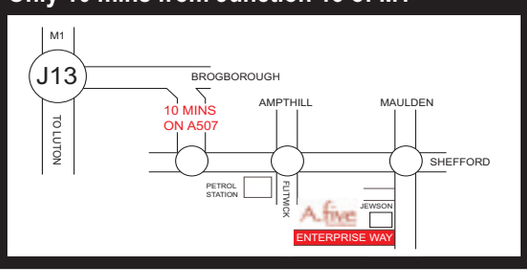

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Kids keep benefit fraudster from jail

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A BENEFIT cheat has been spared jail after illegally claiming more than £29,000.

Nana Bempong, 35, of Downing Close, Bletchley, failed to tell Milton Keynes Council that one of her three children was actually fathered by her landlord.

By law this has to be declared as it makes any claim for Housing Benefit null and void.

But Bempong never revealed this relationship and carried on claiming a total of £29,268.31 over a period of four-and-a-half years.

On December 6, 2010 she pleaded not guilty to one count of dishonestly making a statement or representation she knew to be false, contrary to the Social Security Admin Act 1992.

She was found guilty following a trial at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on March 15.

In mitigation, the court heard claims she had since been evicted from the property and that she hadn't benefited from the money, although these were disputed by the council.

On Friday she was given a 22-week prison sentence, suspended for two years, and was also ordered to do 220 hours of unpaid work within the next year and pay costs of £1,486.92.

Magistrates said the fact she has children meant they had decided not to send her to jail.

A council spokesman said: "We are very pleased with this result and the fact that the magistrates imposed a prison sentence, albeit suspended, and a hefty amount of community service work shows how seriously they took this case.

"This lady had ample opportunity to provide us with proper and honest details of her family circumstances, but failed to do so."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Ex-boxer pleads not guilty to murder

A FORMER boxer pleaded not guilty to the murder of 19-year-old Jonathan Barton at Luton Crown Court on Thursday.

Mr Barton was injured outside the Beacon public house in Milton Keynes in 2000 and died in 2009.

Leigh Clift, 31, from Lincolnshire Close, Bletchley, has been remanded on bail until his trial in Luton on October 4.

Flasher sought

A MAN exposed himself to a woman last Friday.

The incident happened at about 11.45am along the Redway in Fishermead, before the bridge crossing the H5 to South Row, Central Milton Keynes.

The offender is Asian, about 30 years old, 5ft 7ins and of medium build. Call police on 0845 8 505 505.

Boy, 14, assaulted

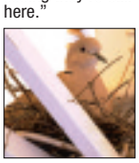
A 14-YEAR-OLD was assaulted in Selby Grove, Shenley Church End, when another teenage boy grabbed him by the neck, kicked him and punched his head on April 3 at 6pm. The offender is black, aged between 16 and 18, slim and around 6ft 3ins, with black curly hair. Call police on 0845 8 505 505.

Doves back at Swan

A VILLAGE pub has adopted a rather unusual breed of regulars.

The Swan Inn in Milton Keynes Village has a family of collared doves which nests there each year.

Manager at the pub Tyrone Bentham said: "I think it adds to the character of the old building. Customers love coming in and seeing they're still here."



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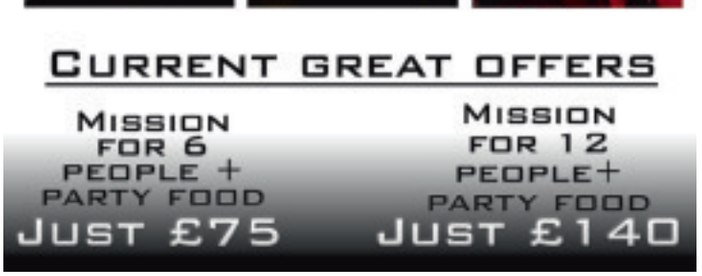

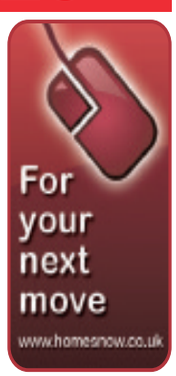

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Protest: Residents wave their placards against plans to build 102 executive homes

Traffic concern over plan for new homes

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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AN MP is supporting angry residents fighting controversial plans to build more than 100 homes in their town.

Storey Homes is expected to submit a formal planning application to build 102 executive properties in Woburn Sands to Milton Keynes Council in the next week.

The homes are due to be built at an 18.4-acre site, called Wavendon Park, about 1.5km from the High Street.

MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, said: "I am very concerned about the development. Milton Keynes has more than 20,000 planning applications in place so there is no need for an additional housing development."

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the plans have faced strong opposition from residents with a mass walk-out at the company's first exhibition and exit polls carried out by protesters following a second meeting allegedly showing 82 per cent of people were against the development.

The site is at the top of a steep hill in Cranfield Road and residents are concerned homes at the bottom will flood.

They are also worried about traffic problems, including potential blind-spots on the winding road and congestion in the High Street.

Disgruntled resident Nick Luke, of Hillway, said: "Woburn Sands residents have done their bit already - the town is currently having 280 new houses built.

"If this goes ahead the traffic is going to be horrendous."

A spokesman for Storey Homes said: "A flood risk assessment and transport report for the site are both due to be completed this week and will be submitted with the planning application in the next week."

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Extra landfill hours worry neighbours

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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RESIDENTS fear plans to extend the opening hours of a landfill site could soon lead to it operating seven days a week.

The Newton Road landfill site in West Bletchley is currently open 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 7am to 1pm on Saturdays, but owner WRG has applied to Milton Keynes Council to vary its existing operating hours conditions, which would enable it to write to the authority to request additional opening times.

The application states this is following backlogs experienced over the Christmas period and would allow WRG to request, at short notice, to open outside of permitted times to enable any future backlogs to be dealt with.

Residents living near the site are worried this could lead to it opening on Sundays and bank holidays and eventually every day of the week.

Denise Pearson, who lives in Milton Grove, next to the site, said: "We don't want operations on a bank holiday or a Sunday, and this could mean that the residents aren't actually going to know when the site is going to be open or closed."

Upset: West Bletchley town councillor Tony Mabbott with some local residents and the landfill site in the background

The application is due to be considered by the council's planning committee tomorrow at 2pm.

Mike Snell, WRG's general manager of external affairs, said: "There are occasionally times when the opening hours are insufficient.

"For example, last winter the heavy snowfall prevented refuse trucks from picking up rubbish at normal times – once the roads were clear, the trucks could have caught up on the job and cleared the rubbish, but the conditions of WRG's planning permission wouldn't allow this.

"The forthcoming royal wedding presents another bottleneck, with four bank holidays, meaning under current restrictions local residents would have to wait to have their bins collected."

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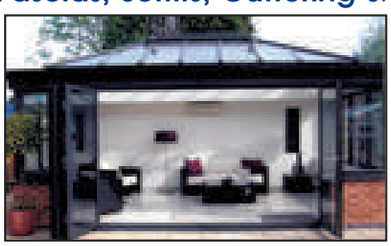

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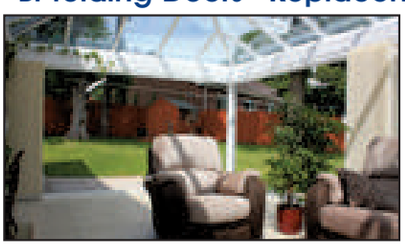

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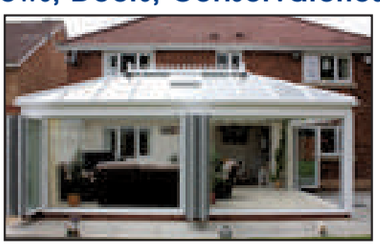

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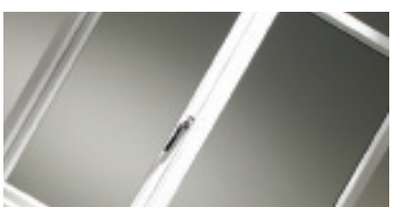

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Opening soon: Arriva's information point will be up and running next month

MKube will provide all your travel info

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A DEDICATED travel information centre will open in the city next month.

The MKube will open on Friday, May 6 after a recent funding cut to Discover MK meant the previous travel information point had to close.

The glass cube, opposite The Point, will be a one-stop-shop offering timetable and ticket information, ideas for days out, details on rail services and how to get around the city by bus and much more.

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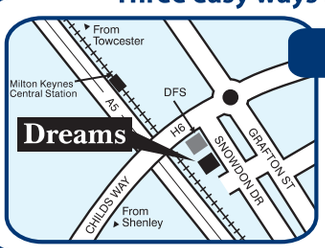

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Brave Lucas is off to meet Chelsea's stars

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A SIX-YEAR-OLD cancer sufferer will meet players from his favourite football team this weekend after receiving a letter from one of its stars.

Lucas Pritchard, of Purcel Drive, Newport Pagnell, was diagnosed with high-risk leukaemia last September.

The disease, which Lucas has an 80 per cent chance of surviving, prevents him from attending school or playing football.

But the Chelsea fan was delighted to receive a get well letter from one of its biggest players and England captain John Terry.

The letter reads: "I heard you weren't very well at the moment and I just wanted to get in touch to wish you all the best. I know the players and I were very impressed when we heard about how brave you have been."

Chelsea have also invited Lucas to visit the grounds on Saturday where he will meet the team and watch their game against West Ham in the players lounge.

Lucas' mum, Melanie, said: "It's so wonderful for him to do something nice, something exciting.

"It's a chance for him to be normal and away from all the hospitals and the doctors which is what's normal for him at the moment."

A Chelsea spokesman said: "We are pleased to be able to welcome Lucas and his family along to the game. We know that they have been going through a very tough time at the moment but we hope that they have a great time and enjoy what will be an exciting day."

Lucas and his family are raising money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, which is looking into a cure for the diseases.

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Thumbs up: *Above*, Lucas Pritchard with the letter from Chelsea player John Terry, *inset*

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Former mayor made freeman

A FORMER mayor has become the first Honorary Freeman of the parish of West Bletchley.

The title was given to former Milton Keynes mayor Roger Bristow earlier this month under new powers granted to the parish council under the 2009 Local Democracy Act.

He served as a Milton Keynes councillor for more than 25 years and was a member of West Bletchley Council from 2001 until 2008.

Police stats show fall in city crime

Violence, burglary and domestic abuse all down

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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MORE than 1,000 fewer crimes were committed in the city in the last year, according to the latest police figures.

The statistics, released by Thames Valley Police on Thursday, show that crime in Milton Keynes has dropped by four per cent since 2010.

The most significant reductions were in violence against a person and robbery of personal property, both of which fell by more than 20 per cent between April 2010 and April this year.

There were also 98 fewer house burglaries, 248 fewer thefts from vehicles and 167 fewer recorded incidents of domestic abuse.

Police say the reduction is all down to officers, SaferMK and the local community working as a team to tackle crime.

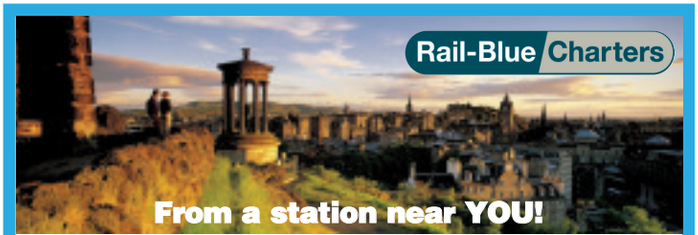
Richard Solly is the manager of SaferMK - the joint co-ordination between Milton Keynes Council, parish councils, businesses and voluntary organisations.

He said: "Any kind of crime reduction isn't just down to the police. It's for all the agencies to work together, and we've got a very good partnership agreement in Milton Keynes."

A police spokesman added the force's offender management scheme, which works with criminals to ensure they do not reoffend, has also helped cut crime.

They added: "We have seen a significant reduction in crime - crimes that affect real, every day people.

"These of course are simply hard figures but real people have been affected. If you can stop crimes happening in the first place that is far better than fighting them."



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Marathon effort by firefighter father

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A CITY fireman ran the London Marathon on Sunday to raise funds for a hospice that cares for his son.

Ross Pike, 14, suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy - a terminal and rare muscle wasting illness affecting one in 3,500 boys.

Great Holm firefighter David Pike, 43, discovered his son was ill when he was three-and-a-half and by the age of eight he had lost the use of his legs.

Mr Pike said: "Ross relies on us to do everything. And even though he has all that to deal with, he just gets on with it."

Ross is due to have a major operation in August to fit metal plates in his spine and around his pelvis. This will prevent his spine from becoming disfigured, but will leave him unable to lean forward to feed himself. The general anaesthetic could also cause problems for his weak lungs and heart.

David ran the marathon alongside fellow firefighter Aaron Brinklow to raise funds for Helen and Douglas House children's hospice in Oxford, which cares for Ross 14 nights a year. So far they have raised more than £3,000.

Mr Pike added: "It's a very hard thing to do, but it was fantastic. A day to be remembered forever."

Others who took to the streets of London included Lee Mould, who raised £4,200 for the Child Bereavement Charity.

He said: "It was really good. I was spurred on by my family and friends and the crowds were great."

Julia Bradbury and Jo Miller raised £2,700 for Breast Cancer Care, while Chris Jackson raised £1,000 for the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

Mr Jackson said: "It was tough but it was a fantastic experience."

Marathon man: David Pike and son Ross

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MP Stewart responds to surgery criticism

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE MP for Milton Keynes South has hit back at the suggestion his surgeries are 'inadequate'.

In a letter sent to MK NEWS, Stony Stratford resident Dave Brunwin and Tom Bolton, from Emerson Valley, criticised Conservative MP Iain Stewart's surgeries, in which he meets residents to discuss their concerns, as they say he refused to meet them over issues of policy.

The letter stated: "One of us has been told 'surgery appointments are not a forum to debate policy'.

"Mr Stewart's refusal to offer personal appointments to discuss policy issues means that he is failing to engage with his constituents adequately and is thus damaging the democratic process.

"We would urge Mr Stewart to reassess his priorities and create opportunities for his constituents to have personal appointments with him to discuss important Government policy issues."

Mr Stewart wrote to MK NEWS to respond to what he describes as a 'misleading impression' about the service he offers to constituents.

He said Mr Brunwin has written to him on several occasions to which he has responded with emails and letters.

The letter states: "My surgeries are for specific casework so that I can assist constituents in resolving a wide range of often complex problems. I make no apology for that.

"Surgery appointments are in high demand and, in effect, to give an appointment to them to continue a policy discussion would be to deny time to other constituents who wish to consult me for advice or assistance. I have over 85,000 constituents and wish to divide my time fairly."

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Mural lays claim as land's longest

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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COULD this be the longest mural in the country?

At just under 600 feet long, the newly repainted Wolverton Train Mural on the Grand Union Canal could be the longest in the country.

Inland Waterways Association project director Joseph Cresswell said he thought the mural could be the longest in the land, but research by MK NEWS has found there are no compiled records.

Mr Cresswell said he would now contact Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council to see if they could organise the Guinness World Book of Records to look into the claim.

He said: "It would be wonderful if it was the longest.

"The town council has been very supportive, so I will see if they think we should get in touch with Guinness."

Around 300 man hours went into recreating the mural, which has been there since 1986, after it had become badly weathered and covered in graffiti.

The black and white painting reflects the history of Wolverton and its train works, and this time includes a few added extras.

"There was one young volunteer we had who was painting in a Spiderman costume," said Joseph Cresswell, Inland Waterways Association (IWA) project director.

"He said he would only come back the next day if we painted a Spiderman on the wall, so we did that, but people will have to look to find it."

Paint job: Artist David Fenton works on the mural along the Grand Union Canal at Wolverton

Churchyard clear-up uncovers grave situation

LOST graves have been uncovered at Newport Pagnell churchyard.

Members of the Newport Pagnell Partnership Parks and Gardens Working Group spent two months clearing a completely overgrown area of the old cemetery at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

In doing so, they discovered the 21 graves dating back to the 1800s, which have been hidden beneath thick ivy and bushes for many years.

One of the most interesting finds was a wrought iron bordered grave from the 19th century, believed to be the resting place of a child of John Odell, the founder of the former ironmongers in the High Street.

Partnership board member, Joan Sidebottom, said: "The area was completely covered in ivy and we didn't know what would be underneath.

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Pete joins union

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Dons fans vote for teaching Respect

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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FANS of MK Dons have voted for a new campaign to be implemented in schools across the city.

As part of the Home Team Heroes initiative from football league sponsors npower, fans of the 72 clubs are being given the chance to vote for one of three community programmes to be introduced in their area.

MK Dons fans said they wanted the Respect programme to be taught which, through interactive workshops, will help young people aged ten to 11 learn essential skills such as teamwork and citizenship, plus an understanding of how these can be applied to all areas of their lives.

The classroom-based sessions will be run by MK Dons community coaches and aim to demonstrate to youngsters the negative impact bad behaviour can have on individuals and others.

The programme's proposed outcomes follow the national curriculum in focussing on citizenship.

Clare McDougall is head of community and education at npower.

She said: "Football clubs are an integral part of a town and hugely important to the local community.

"The fundamental idea at the heart of Home Team Heroes is to give something back to the community through football.

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Artist's impression: The Milton Keynes section of the waterway link that has been nominated for a prestigious national award.

Planned link in line for waterway gong

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THE proposed 16-mile waterway link between Milton Keynes and Bedford has been nominated for a national award.

Mooted nearly 200 years ago, the concept of a waterway linking the Grand Union Canal and the River Great Ouse was revived in the 1990s by the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust (BMK).

It has now been shortlisted for a Waterways Trust Waterways Renaissance Award for its partnership and strategic planning capabilities, with the results to be announced at a ceremony in Birmingham on Wednesday, May 25.

BMK has become part of a wider consortium of local authorities, agencies and community groups who are driving the project forward in small pieces, with the route being protected in local and regional plans.

In Milton Keynes, the project includes the construction of England's deepest lock into Willen Lake.

There are 11 award categories, and the project is nominated in two - Partnership, and Strategy and Masterplanning.

Roger Hanbury, chief executive of the Waterways Trust, said: "This is the ninth year of the Waterway Renaissance Awards and it is truly inspiring to see that, even in these very challenging economic times, people and organisations are continuing to work together to realise the benefits of our canals and rivers for communities across the UK.

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Service calling on people's support

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A CHARITY is appealing for volunteers to help support vulnerable members of society.

The new Care in the Home service, being piloted in Milton Keynes by The Red Cross, based in Westfield Road, Bletchley, provides short-term support to those in need of help or reassurance.

Helen Tessler, 92, of Lovat Fields Retirement Village, Willen Park, is a service user who is no longer able to stand and has to use a wheelchair.

She says the fortnightly visits from volunteer Stuart Blount give her something to look forward to.

"Stuart's really wonderful and so helpful with taking me out," she said.

"He takes me to the shops to get what's needed and have a look around. It's just nice to get out of the four walls and to have a change of scenery.

"It gives me something to look forward to as I can't move my feet or stand any more."

The volunteers are trained to help with a wide range of needs, including transportation, prescription collection and help with shopping.

Fiona Leahy, Red Cross project leader for Milton Keynes, said: "Our service can be a real lifeline for vulnerable people in Milton Keynes.

"We are only asking people to spare as little as a couple of hours a month and the work is extremely rewarding - you could make a big difference to someone's life in a short time.

"The more volunteers we have, the more local people we can help, so please do get in touch if you have some spare time and want to support your community."

To find out more about becoming a volunteer call Kevin Ayrton on 01296 739302, or e-mail bucks@redcross.org.uk.

Helping hands: Red Cross volunteers Julie Page and Stuart Blount with Helen Tessler

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Anouar scoops High Sheriff prize

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE founder of an arts group which beat 50,000 entrants to win a national award has himself been honoured for his community work.

Anouar Kassim, chairman of MK Islamic Art Heritage and Culture Organisation, was one of three city champions to receive the High Sheriff's Award at the end of last month for his work and commitment to racial harmony and social cohesion.

In January, Islamic art banners produced by the organisation and MK College students received a national Epic Award, a scheme for the voluntary and amateur arts and crafts.

Anouar set the organisation up after 9/11, saying he felt motivated to dispel the misunderstandings this created of Muslim people. It now works in the community, particularly with schools, to introduce Islamic art and has a youth team that works to promote volunteering and things like understanding the media. It has also had art commissioned for places such as Bletchley Leisure Centre and art galleries across the country.

Anouar said: "We want Milton Keynes to be known as being full of art and culture and we want to take a lead in doing that."

Also honoured on the night was Maya Hussain, development director of MK Community Foundation, for the support she gave the High Sheriff, The Countess Elizabeth Howe, in particular the successful concert in January which gave young musicians the amazing opportunity to play side-by-side with the MK City Orchestra.

Rachel Medill, director of city charity Ride High, also received an award for the impact her organisation has had on the lives of young people.

Winner: MK Islamic Art Heritage and Culture Organisation chairman Anouar Kassim being presented with the High Sheriff's Award by High Sheriff, The Countess Elizabeth Howe, and High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire 2007-2008 Amanda Nicholson

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An apple a day: Charlie Hawthorne, 11, Chelsea Finch, 11, and Breianne Johnson-Carter, ten, from Orchard School help to launch Schools4Life.

Bid to get kids on the healthy track

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MILTON Keynes Council is leading the way in raising children's aspirations, driving healthy behaviour and improving learning by being the first to sign up to a new national initiative.

The local authority is the first to join the Schools4Life scheme, with 25 schools in the borough signing up.

The initiative aims to give every school the opportunity to evidence their health and wellbeing activities to make sure all children and young people, their parents and the wider community are supported to be healthier, reduce social inequalities and enjoy learning for life.

The initiative builds on the Department of Health's Healthy Schools Programme and all schools in the UK are being invited to join Milton Keynes in the programme.

Sarah Conway, the council's assistant director for universal services, said: "Schools4Life offers us the flexibility and expertise to really tackle some of our most challenging health behaviours, helps us deliver the Government's localism agenda and is a great way to partner more effectively with schools, local organisations and parents."

Queen Eleanor School, in Stony Stratford, hosted the launch event where schools heard more about the scheme and how it will benefit their pupils and families.

Headteacher Elizabeth Lockhart said: "It's so exciting to be part of a local initiative where we can continue to show evidence of our commitment to supporting children and young people to make healthier choices and increase their capacity to succeed academically."

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Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which according to Christian belief happened on the third day after his crucifixion. In the Roman Catholic Church, Easter is an eight-day feast called the Octave of Easter. Many Christian denominations celebrate this resurrection on Easter Day or Easter Sunday.

The first Easter eggs, dating back thousands of years were painted red and the tradition of painting eggs (goose, duck or hen) continued and became more elaborate through the centuries.

The first chocolate eggs appeared in the early 1800s, although the nature of chocolate (at that time) made creating a hollow egg something of an achievement. A hundred years later the improved chocolate making process plus mass production created the commercially available, relatively low cost, chocolate Easter Egg and within the following hundred years it became the dominant gift for Easter.

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- ¼ tea spoon Cumin seeds
- ½ tea spoon Turmeric powder
- ½ tea spoon Chilli powder
- 25g dry red chillies
- 4 fresh green chillies
- 1 clove of garlic
- 2 stems of fresh curry leaves
- 2 table spoons of chopped fresh coriander
- 2 table spoons of vegetable oil
- Salt (to taste)
- Lemon juice (to taste)

Preparation:

1. Remove the meat from the Lobster shell
2. Marinate the meat with ¼ tea spoon of turmeric powder, lemon juice and salt
3. Grind 1 onion and dry red chillies together to make a fine paste
4. Heat the oil in a pan and add cumin seeds, curry leaves, chopped green chillies, chopped garlic, onion and red chilli paste, turmeric powder and chilli powder
5. Cook the spices for 8-10 minutes then add chopped tomatoes, 175ml of water, marinated lobster meat and salt
6. Stir it well and cook till it is done (10 minutes)
7. Garnish with fresh chopped coriander and a slice of lemon
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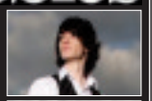
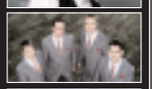

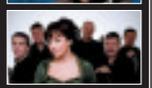

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SIMON DARNELL

DON'T SIT DOWN 'CAUSE I'VE MOVED YOUR CHAIR
Arctic Monkeys

YOU shouldn't really need me to tell you that this is not a heartfelt ballad.

Nor is it the song that Blue nearly took to the Eurovision Song Contest until they heard I Can, although this would've done better.

Not only that, but it's also not a number that Westlife are ever likely to add to their ever-growing repertoire of other people's songs.

It's funny how much information you can glean just from a song's title, isn't it? Mind you, to be fair, sometimes the title can be deceiving. For example, Enjoy The Silence isn't silent and I Started Something I Couldn't Finish has an ending.

As for Tina Turner's The Best and well, I think you can guess. This is a strange old song; the lyrics are about as serious as the title suggests, but the tune is dark, moody, and after the first 45 seconds or so, pretty loud.

There's also no chorus, not unless you class a handful of "oohs" and "yeahs" as a chorus and yet, this is actually rather good.

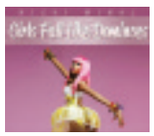
What do I know though, I seem to be about the only person who liked Crying Lightning.

Still, it's worth a recommendation I reckon, so here you go.

GIRLS FALL LIKE DOMINOES
Nicki Minaj

WHEN the Big Pink recorded Dominoes, I wonder if they even considered the possibility that within a couple of years or so, somebody would come along and destroy their hard work so comprehensively.

Now, you're probably thinking "Oh, it's so easy to criticise, isn't it?" and to be honest, yes, it is when the song is as shockingly and hilariously bad as this one.



Thanks for asking, though.

As comedy rap singles go, this is right up there with the best efforts of Goldie Lookin Chain, except they intended for their stuff to be funny.

In fact, there are times when I'd swear she even sounds like them.

The tune itself is okay, but then it's only Dominoes with Ms Minaj namedropping as many people she can think of over the top with the aid of lyrics that can best be described as 'defiantly awful', so it's not like this song's been created from the ground up; it's more of a shop refit that's gone horribly wrong. This is a single that not only embraces its awfulness, it positively revels in it, and surprisingly enough, I really can't recommend this single.

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Wednesday, April 27, 8.45pm. Stage 2.

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Tickets £10 in advance, or £12 on the door

STACKRIDGE: DORA'S 40TH BIRTHDAY TOUR
Thursday, April 28, 8pm.

YES, it is the 40th birthday of Dora The Female Explorer. Since then Stackridge have remained etched in the hearts and minds of English music lovers since they reformed in 2007. Expect glorious tunes including old favourites and some brand new, with quirky lyrics, superb musicianship and a sense of fun. Happy birthday Dora and happy birthday Stackridge.
Tickets £16

JAN AKKERMAN
Friday, April 29, 8pm

GUITARIST Jan Akkerman combines elements of rock, jazz, blues, classical music and modern dance music and gives them his own signature. He is always a fascinating experience as all his improvisational skills are brought to bear in the live format.
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WOBURN SANDS BAND
Saturday, April 30, 7.30pm

THE programme will run the gamut from big band sounds to classical, jazz to pop, brass band originals and arrangements of your favourite melodies, all in one show. True family entertainment from your favourite local brass band. Soloists from within the band will be featured in this, the 47th concert in the Drakeloe Series.
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M1 MUSIC NIGHT: SOPHIE CLARK AND THE WONDERSMITHS
Saturday April 30, 8.45pm. Stage 2

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THE HEAVY METAL KIDS
The Woughton Centre
Saturday, 7.30pm

THE Heavy Metal Kids have reunited and are set to blow the house down.

Famous for their fired-up blend of punk, glam and hard rock'n'roll they toured the US with the likes of Alice Cooper and Kiss.

The band's cult status has grown over the years, around the undeniable influence they had on the birth of the punk movement and the new wave of British heavy metal.

The band is now fronted by EastEnders' infamous Nasty Nick Cotton, John Altman, since the death of original frontman Gary Holtman. John also worked alongside Gary in the iconic British film Quadrophenia.

The Heavy Metal Kids will be supported by Milton Keynes-based glam rock metal band Lionsex.

Tickets are £10 in advance. To book call 01908 660392, or visit www.skiddle.com/events/11444330.

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JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL

Monday-Saturday, April 30

ONE of the silver screen's biggest stars will soon be returning to walk the boards at Milton Keynes Theatre – and he can't wait.

Most famous for his title role in the 1977 epic Jesus of Nazareth, and for his portrayal of secret agent Richard Hannay in The Thirty Nine Steps, Robert Powell will be appearing in the lead role in Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell.

And looking ahead to the show, he believes that Milton Keynes is now recognised as having a discerning theatre-going audience.

He said: "Milton Keynes has a very good reputation because it has a very big catchment area for audiences.

"I've been to Milton Keynes before and the audience last time was sensational.

"We played to a very big house with a thriller, and it was very well received – I'm hoping that this play will have the same effect."

Created by Keith Waterhouse, Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell is based on the writings of the Fleet Street legend to present a funny and poignant look back on his remarkable life.

Powell said: "We've just done a couple of shows and it's going very well.

"It's a very funny play about a bloke who lived in Soho who was a drunk, a womaniser, a gambler and a journalist.

"He wrote a column called Low Life in the Spectator, about his own experiences and exploits – it was unbelievably popular and very, very funny.

"Keith Waterhouse put his writings together and added his own stuff and wrote this play about Jeffrey Bernard, waking up at five in the morning in the Coach and Horses pub. It's about him, telling the story of his life but with interruptions from people from his past, some alive and some dead."

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HIKER MEAT

Tomorrow, 7.15pm

THE highly regarded national artist Jamie Shovlin performs with the infamous Berlin noiseniks Lustfaust in a live score to Jesus Rinzoli's notorious slasher film Hiker Meat (1981).

Continuing the tradition of the silent movie piano score, albeit with samplers and a typical rock-band set-up, the band will play alongside projections sampling the source material for the making of the film without showcasing the movie itself.

Hiker Meat (Rough Cut) will reveal the creation and making of the movie, immersing the spectator in the grotesque and imagined universe of Rinzoli's horror flick.

Hiker Meat is the latest project by artist Jamie Shovlin in collaboration with Mike Harte and Euan Rodger.

Shovlin studied at the Royal College of Art and lives and works in London. Recent solo exhibitions include Three (and a half) Films with Many Shared Characters, Galleria 1/9 unosunove arte contemporanea, Rome (2010), Museum of Contemporary Art, Rome (MACRO) (2010) and The Evening Redness in the West, Haunch of Venison, Zurich (2009).

A CANTERBURY TALE (1944)

Good Friday, 6.30pm

THE English landscape is the uncredited star of Powell and Pressburger's extraordinary Second World War update of Geoffrey Chaucer's picaresque medieval narrative.

A tale told simply for the pleasure of telling, while meeting wartime propaganda requirements with beguiling ingenuity.

Selected by Gareth Jones to accompany his exhibition at MK Gallery, this film is one in a programme that unites a group of maverick British directors, artists and cultural icons, including Christopher Isherwood, Derek Jarman, David Bowie, Glenda Jackson and Lindsay Anderson.

Spanning the years 1944-1994, the season covers a 50-year period that sees the emergence of the Welfare State, the birth of Milton Keynes and the eventual dominance of neo-liberalism as an economic philosophy.

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Tomorrow, 2.30pm.

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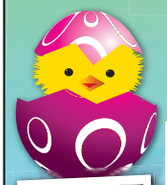

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TASTE LIFE

THE GALLEON

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TUCKED away on the Old Wolverton Road you can find a hidden gem of a pub, The Galleon.

Under new management, this traditional pub has a fantastic outlook over the Grand Union Canal, a large beer garden and children's play area.

The Galleon chooses not to confuse its customers with an over the top fancy menu, its simple wholesome food, freshly cooked.

So you can choose ham, egg and chips, or bangers and mash with the knowledge that you are going to get a great meal.

On the evening we ate (Thursday) the bar was quiet but the restaurant was doing a steady trade. Choosing just one starter, breads, dips and olives (£4.50), between the two of us we were pleased to find the portion just right to share.

For the main course, my dining guest picked chargrilled chicken breast (£7.95) served with dauphinoise potatoes and vegetables.

I believe food is always tasted by the eyes before a morsel touches the mouth, so to see the plate laid out was a pleasure and the flavour confirmed the visual effect.

From the specials board I selected the chicken and bacon tagliatelle (£7.95). The specials menu changes a couple of times a week and the full menu is updated seasonally.

My main was a bowlful of delight with chunky cuts of chicken breast and lean bacon smothered in a heavy rich sauce.

After feasting on our meals we decided to share a dessert - again the choice and the price (all desserts at £3.95) was not over powering, even if the size may have been.

In-keeping with its family-friendly theme, The Galleon offers some great deals from kids eating free in the early evenings to senior citizens lunch meals from £5. There is also a great Sunday roast deal, where you get to carve you own chicken cooked with all the trimmings for just £25. This serves up to five people but pre-booking is essential.

You can check out this, and all the other great deals, at www.thegalleonpub.co.uk.

So all in all, what you get at The Galleon is a great watering hole by the water.

ARTBEAT

THE village of Woburn has been turned into a gallery as ARTBEAT gets underway.

The work of 80 artists will be exhibited throughout Woburn until May 2, while a sculpture exhibition will be held in the gardens of Woburn Abbey until the end of July.

The event, in its second year, has seen village traders offering available wall, window and floor space for the exhibition.

The Duke and Duchess of Bedford have offered the 36-acre gardens at the abbey for the sculpture exhibition, where 20 sculptors including John Brown, Frederic Chevarin(ARBS), Kate Denton, Jonathan Loxley, Nick Moran, Thomas Ostenberg, Helen Sinclair and Paul Vanstone will have work on display.

All of the sculptors who will be exhibiting are well known with work in public and private collections across the world.

Proceeds this year will be donated to The British Heart Foundation in memory of Richard Carr, the former general manager at The Inn at Woburn who died suddenly in January.

For more information on the event go to www.woburnartbeat.co.uk.

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Claydon House

CHILDREN can unravel the clues and learn how Claydon is linked to piracy on a special Easter treasure hunt over the school holidays.

From Good Friday until Wednesday, April 27 they can take part in the pirate-themed treasure hunt around the house.

Seek out the pirates hiding in each room, find out facts about them and then decipher the clues to claim a prize.

The treasure hunt costs £1.50, is available daily from 11am until 5pm and children will be awarded a Cadbury's Easter Egg when they have completed the hunt. There's a variety of other activities to enjoy on a visit to Claydon including a peak inside the quaint parish church, a browse around artists' workshops and a stroll or family game in the parkland. Plus there's a bookshop and tea room.

To find out more call Claydon House on 01296 730349, or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/claydonhouse.

TECTON GALLERY

THE Tecton Gallery will get a spring clean, with a rebrand and new plans for the year ahead.

Formally known as The New Art Gallery, the exhibition space is now under new management and there are exciting plans for the future. Two years after opening, the Tecton Gallery in Church Street, Fenny Stratford, continues to build its reputation and now hosts exhibitions by local artists.

Plans for this year include themed exhibitions that will change on a regular basis and annual craft competitions.

There will also be skills sharing sessions that will enable artists to learn from each other and creative workshops which the public can take part in and try their hand at new techniques.

There will be opportunities for new artists to exhibit in this local gallery, which champions the work of emerging artists and photographers such as Chi Arogundade, David Wellbelove, Grazia Iannotta and Maria Bourne, alongside works by local legends such as Bill Billings.

Local metal sculptor Nick Packham is the driving force behind the Arts Collective and is the newly appointed curator for the gallery.

To find out about future shows, or if you are an artist interested in submitting your work for consideration, contact Nick on 07901 985957.

Opening times are Thursday to Sunday, 9am-5pm.

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

NORTH Bucks Speakers meeting, 7.15pm at The Well at Willen. Guests are welcome. Free. For further details, visit www.mktoastmasters.co.uk.

THE Steppers Band at The White Horse, Stony Stratford. Jolly tuners and jaunty acappella songs, and even some clog-dancing. A charity bash to help bring over some Hungarian singers and dancers. Free entry, starts 9pm.

STOWE House. Easter art exhibition, noon to 5pm (last entry 4pm). Part of Bucks Art for All. Entry to exhibition is included in entry price to the house - £3.50 for adults, children under 16 free. Runs until Easter Monday. For further details, visit www.stowe.co.uk.

GOOD FRIDAY

HAVOC Motorcycle Club is holding an Easter bike custom show from 10am-4pm at Newport Pagnell Football Club. Raising money for Zebra house with a bike show, raffle, auction, stalls, bouncy castle and face painting. Free entry.

EASTER farmers' market, Market Square, Stony Stratford, 8am-2pm. Fantastic local produce.

MILTON Keynes Museum, McConnell Drive, Stacey Bushes. Easter egg hunt. Opens at 11am. Family tickets cost £16. Further details available at www.mkmuseum.org.uk. Also on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

DOBBIES is holding family breakfasts at 9.30am with the Easter Bunny. Party style entertainment. Bring an Easter bonnet to enter a competition. Costs £7.95 per child, booking essential and children must be accompanied. Call 01908 364890. Also Saturday and Easter Monday.

SATURDAY

MK PROSPECTS, Church of Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall, 7pm. Encouraging people with learning disabilities to know more about our Lord. Further details from Tony Welch on 01908 612351.

MK RAMBLERS meet at 10am outside Holy Trinity Church, Deanshanger (GR SP761396) for a nine-mile circular walk via Wicken, Wicken Wood and Leckhampstead. Bring a packed lunch. Call 01908 612412.

NO HOT Ashes at The White Horse, Stony Stratford. A dustbin full of rocking covers. Starts 9pm, free entry.

EASTER SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS meet by the side of St James' Church, Park Avenue, Silsoe (GR TL083356) at 9.30am for a 15-mile circular walk via Pulloxhill, Sharpenhoe Clappers and Harlington. Bring lunch and other refreshments as required. Call 01908 669698.

THAME Country Fair, Thame Showground 10am-6pm. All the fun of a country fair with three entertainment arenas. Adults £10, children £4. Further details from www.livingheritagecountryshows.co.uk. Also on Easter Monday.

Tell MK NEWS readers about YOUR event

- Do you have a fundraising event that you would like to publicise?
- Does your club have regular meetings that you want to tell others about?
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- Are you a member of a church or multi-faith group with a special service soon?

Send details to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk, or call 01908 689586. Remember to get the details to us at least two weeks before the event and we will publish them, space permitting.

MONDAY

BLETCHLEY Park's annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Traditional Easter egg trail with lots of chocolaty prizes to be won. Plus 'Hunt the Chick Trail' in the toy museum. Starts 10.30am, kids under 12 free. Further details from www.bletchleypark.org.uk.

Old school stand-up Martin Beaumont

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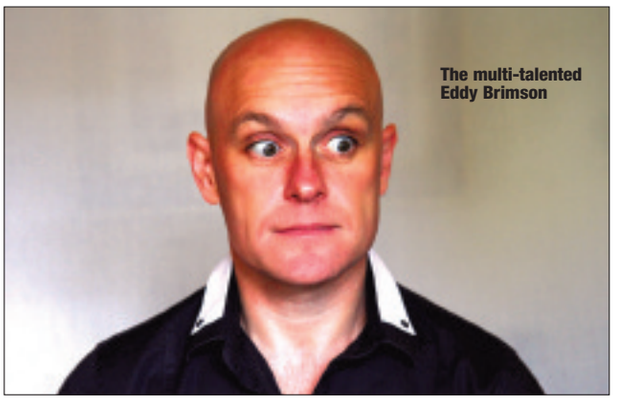

The multi-talented Eddy Brimson

THE COMEDY CLUB

City Limits, Xscape
Tomorrow

HOST comedian, Simon Feilder, introduces two top acts into the heart of the city.

First up is the multi-talented Eddy Brimson, whose TV appearances include Absolutely Fabulous, The Thin Blue Line, Casualty, The Bill and EastEnders.

And headlining for the evening is Martin Beaumont, a true old school stand-up, a master of the one liner, who can handle anyone from drunken grannies to boisterous rugby players.

Having made his name with a whole show devoted to White Van Men at Edinburgh, Martin has expanded his repertoire to include a whole host of subject matter and all of it is funny.

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MK BUSINESS

Necklace is up for grabs in a competition at Greene Room

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A TIFFANY necklace is up for grabs to mark the opening of a new cabaret club.

The Greene Room, due to open in the Theatre District on May 19, will create 40 new jobs.

The new club's signature cocktail, named Breakfast at Tiffany's, comes complete with a necklace from famous American jewellery designer Tiffany & Co and costs £99.

To celebrate the opening of The Greene Room, 24 golden keys will be hidden around the The Hub, Midsummer Place, Theatre District and Xscape from today.

Each of the golden keys will be on a green ribbon with a padlock that has a unique code.

When the code is sent to the e-mail address on the padlock, its finder could win a Breakfast at Tiffany's cocktail and an invitation to the VIP opening night of the club, when the prize will be presented.

Lucy Herlihy, general manager of The Greene Room, said: "So many people are talking about the opening of The Greene Room, so we thought we would have a bit of fun and give them a little taster of what will be on offer in our new venue.

"The cocktail is gorgeous and who wouldn't want a Tiffany necklace? So good luck and we will see the lucky winner at the launch.

"The Greene Room is what Milton Keynes has been waiting for, something different, somewhere you can enjoy a night out with smaller or larger groups."

Stepping back to the glamorous tradition of cabaret, The Greene Room will host live entertainment each night with dancers, burlesque, music, film, comedy and much more.

For more information about the club, visit www.thegreeneroom.co.uk.

Gym's getting people who have never been before through the doors

A NEW budget gym in the city is attracting a new type of member.

More than third of the members at Kiss Gyms in Knowhill are people who have never stepped into a gym before.

The first 24-hour, no contract gym in the region says just under 40 per cent of its new members claim never to have been part of a gym before and around 12 per cent say that they were a member elsewhere but were taking advantage of the competitive rates.

It has also proved popular with those who work shift hours, particularly with the emergency services.

Ambulance emergency dispatcher, Craig Borrett, 28, joined the club in February and after just six weeks he lost one stone, 4lbs, which he says is down to Kiss Gyms' 24-hour opening.

He said: "I'm so grateful that Kiss Gyms has opened such a great gym here in Milton Keynes.

"The opening times work really well with my shift patterns at the ambulance service."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

A pizza the wedding

PIZZA lovers can get a slice of royal wedding action with Papa John's pizza portrait of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

The Chandos Place store, in Bletchley, worked with a food artist to create the topping mosaic pizza to celebrate them walking down the aisle on April 29.

For the chance to have a Papa John's Royal Wedding Pizza made for you, e-mail weddingpizza@papajohns.co.uk.

Cheers for free beer

IN CELEBRATION of St George's day, The Black Lion in Leighton Buzzard is awarding all visitors named George a free pint.

All people have to do is turn up on Saturday with ID proving their name is George, Georgina, or any other derived from George and they are over 18. This entitles them to one free pint of cask ale.

New bar opens up

THE city's third Harvester Bar and Grill has opened, creating 50 new jobs. The team at SNO!zone officially opened the venue, which is at the Xscape, CMK.

One for entrepreneurs

CRANFIELD School of Management is holding its annual one-day entrepreneurship conference and networking event on May 12.

Now in its fourth year, Cranfield VentureDay is the region's leading event for those interested or experienced in cutting-edge entrepreneurial performance and will include presentations from a number of renowned entrepreneurs.

Help for people moving

TAYLOR Wimpey is helping buyers enjoy big savings when they move to a new home in the South Midlands by paying their mortgage repayments every other month for two years.

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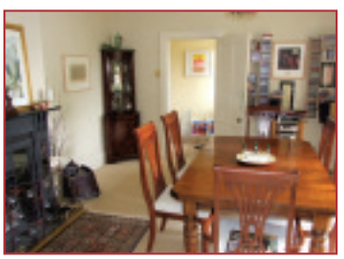

Aspley Guise

THIS is a substantial five double bedroom Victorian semi-detached property, arranged over four floors, situated in a sought after and quiet address in Aspley Guise, adjacent to local woodland.

Aspley Guise is a village on the outskirts of Milton Keynes, within a short drive of Woburn Sands, offering a golf course, shops, public houses, restaurants and a park. Central Milton Keynes is within a 15 minute drive offering comprehensive shopping and leisure facilities.

The property briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge with Victorian cast iron and marble open fireplace, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, two basement rooms (currently used as an office), five double bedrooms, box room, two bathrooms, brick built utility barn, outside wc, garage, off-road parking and rear garden with decked sitting area.

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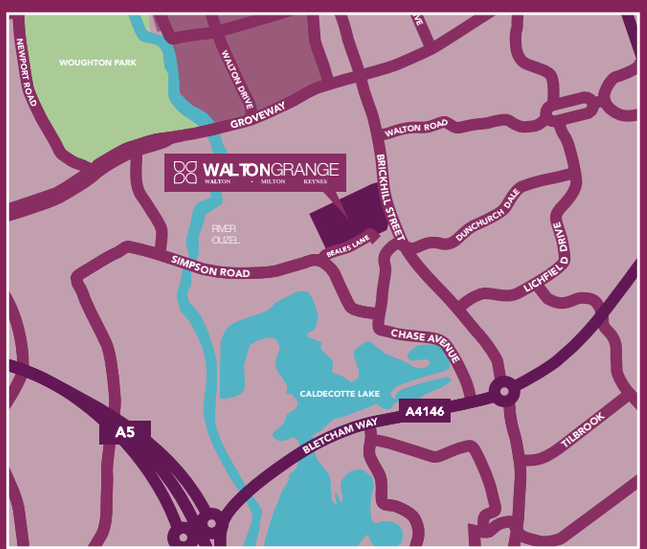

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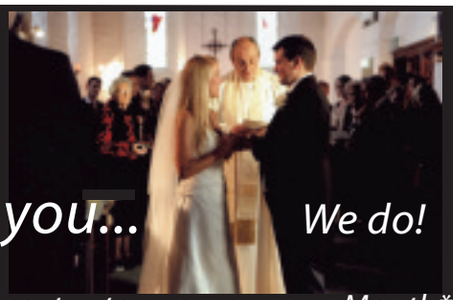

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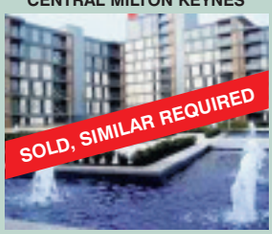

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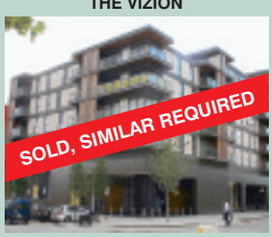

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Bedford Academy opened in September 2010 and aims to create a vibrant, successful educational establishment which will raise aspirations and standards of achievement.

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Term Time (including 5 Training days)

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Due to a number of our current cohort of Learning Supervisors successfully progressing to full-time Teacher Training, we are looking to appoint suitable candidates to this challenging and fulfilling role to start ideally in July so that they are inducted in time for the new teaching year.

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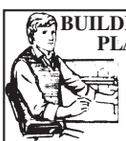

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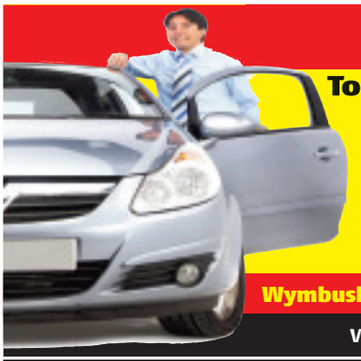

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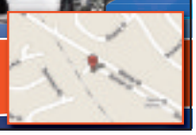

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August			
7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1
September			
4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1
October			
2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4
November			
2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC) (Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)	H	1-1
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4
December			
11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0
January			
1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2
February			
2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	1-0
22	Oldham	H	0-0
26	Brighton	H	1-0
March			
5	Rochdale	A	4-1
8	Charlton	H	2-0
12	Colchester	A	3-1
21	Peterborough	H	1-0
25	Walsall	H	1-1
April			
2	Southampton	A	2-3
9	Carlisle	H	3-2
16	Swindon	A	1-0
22	Huddersfield	H	
25	Plymouth	A	
30	Notts County	H	
May			
7	Oldham	A	

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I HAVE an apology to make.

On Saturday our fans at Swindon were fantastic and I understand they were chanting for me to give them a wave, but I was so engrossed in the game I didn't hear them. Next time I will make sure I give our fans a wave!

But for the rest of our season, our fans now have a really important part to play.

They were great at Swindon, and we still need to get as many fans in as possible for every game - we want to hear them and get them behind us.

Huddersfield on Good Friday is a game that we have been looking forward to as they're at least going to be in the play-offs, and I think it's the kind of game that will bring the best out of the team and the fans. It's got the makings of a great game, and we are hoping for a bumper crowd to get right behind the team and see us into the play-offs.

You can't take things for granted, so we still feel we need one more win.

Rochdale have been on a great run, and Bournemouth got back into the play-off zone after being up there nearly all season - you've got to give them credit for giving it a go.

On the other hand you can't rule out second until it's mathematically impossible - Southampton have still got to play Brighton.

We are talking about the play-offs, I can't lie, but we just want to win every game we can to finish the season on a high, wherever we finish. We want to win every game and we are capable of that.

We'll start talking about Old Trafford when we get there.

Finally, I want to say congratulations to Brighton as I coached Gus Poyet and Mauricio Taricco at Spurs and they're great lads. I've sent a letter from me, Karl and the club. They've had a great season, which makes it good to know we are the only team in League One to beat them this calendar year.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	42	17	4	0	51	17	11	5	5	29	16	47	93
2	Southampton	41	14	4	3	39	12	9	4	7	34	23	38	77
3	Huddersfield	42	11	7	3	32	16	11	4	6	33	24	25	77
4	Peterborough	42	14	4	3	62	38	8	4	9	34	31	27	74
5	MK Dons	42	13	5	3	32	19	8	3	10	30	35	8	71
6	Bournemouth	42	12	5	4	44	21	6	7	8	24	26	21	66
7	Rochdale	42	9	7	5	32	25	8	6	7	24	21	10	64
8	Leyton Orient	42	11	6	4	35	21	5	7	9	29	36	7	61
9	Exeter	42	10	5	6	37	31	7	5	9	24	37	-7	61
10	Brentford	42	9	4	8	23	24	8	3	10	26	29	-4	58
11	Colchester	42	11	6	4	35	28	4	6	11	16	28	-5	57
12	Carlisle	42	9	7	5	34	23	6	4	11	23	31	3	56
13	Charlton	42	9	5	7	26	28	5	7	9	31	33	-4	54
14	Hartlepool	42	9	4	8	29	29	6	5	10	15	31	-16	54
15	Sheff Wed	42	9	5	7	34	26	6	3	12	27	36	-1	53
16	Oldham	42	7	8	6	27	28	5	8	8	22	27	-6	52
17	Yeovil	42	7	5	9	21	26	7	4	10	25	34	-14	51
18	Tranmere	41	8	4	8	24	24	5	6	10	21	32	-11	49
19	Dag & Red	42	7	6	8	25	26	4	5	12	23	36	-14	44
20	Walsall	42	8	2	11	30	35	3	8	10	21	35	-19	43
21	Bristol Rovers	42	6	5	10	21	32	5	5	11	22	43	-32	43
22	Notts County	41	9	1	11	22	23	3	5	12	18	32	-15	42
23	Swindon	42	5	9	7	19	23	3	5	13	27	42	-19	38
24	Plymouth	41	8	4	8	24	26	5	3	13	23	40	-19	36

Not including last night's games

The ball hits the netting for Sean O'Hanlon's decisive goal against Swindon Town

Goal hero O'Hanlon silences boo-boys

BY SAM MORSHEAD
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Swindon Town 0
MK Dons 1

AFTER Saturday's win against the Robins, boss Karl Robinson recognised Sean O'Hanlon's major contribution to the Dons' promotion push after the centre-back nodded the only goal of the game against his former club.

O'Hanlon received a volatile reception from the fans who used to cheer him, but produced a stoic display in the middle of defence and silenced the home crowd with the strike that consolidates fifth spot for his current employers and pushes Swindon closer to the drop.

And Robinson could not have been more proud of his efforts over 90 unattractive, but efficient minutes' work in Wiltshire.

"I'm pleased for him. He gets an awful lot of stick coming back here but the lad is a wonderful man and a fantastic professional," he said.

"I don't know what went on (at Swindon), why the boos and what the scenario was, but for us he's been an absolute talisman."

Daniel Powell tested Swindon keeper Phil Smith inside the opening ten minutes, but it was O'Hanlon who got the game's only goal on 17 minutes.

Peter Leven's corner was abandoned by the home side's back line, and the Dons' centre-back was left with the simple task of nodding into an empty net.

Swindon staged a mini rally towards the end of the first half, but the Dons' defence stood firm, although Calvin Andrew did rattle the Milton Keynes crossbar from four yards out in added time.

After the interval the match developed an angry edge, but the Dons kept their heads and outclassed, outpassed and outmuscled their hosts in midfield.

Mathias Kouo-Doumbe and O'Hanlon could have extended the advantage but failed to hit the target, although that proved not to matter as Swindon became ever more impotent as the 90 minutes dragged its course.

And when Andy Frampton was dismissed for the home side on 81 minutes, Robinson's men did exactly what was required of them - shut up shop and secure three crucial points.

Robinson was delighted with the win and branded his team as the most in-form side in the Football League.

"I doubt the headlines will say classic but what it has done is shown that we can battle. Every good team has to do that," he said.

"We didn't create that much and we weren't as fluid as we have been but once I get back in my car I'm sure I'll be extremely happy with a big smile on my face.

"We've probably got the best momentum in the country at the moment, and we've got a lot of belief. I've got players in the squad I can trust and I would go into battle with anyone with them."

TEAMS

SWINDON TOWN: Smith, Caddis, Frampton, Jean-Francois, Sheehan (Rose 75), McGovern, Douglas (c), Prutton, Ritchie, N'Diaye (Benyon 57), Andrew. Subs: Lucas, Bodin, Ferry, Timlin, Cuthbert.

MK DONS: Martin, Kouo-Doumbe, O'Hanlon, MacKenzie, Lewington, Gleeson, Leven, Powell (S Baldock 72), Chadwick, Marsh-Brown (Balanta 64), Ibhere. Subs: Searle, Vine, Chicksen, Flanagan.

Referee: J Linington (Isle of Wight).
Attendance: 8,305.

COMING UP

Huddersfield
League One
Good Friday
Stadiummk
KO 3pm

FANS and pundits alike expect Huddersfield to keep pushing for that second automatic promotion space, so this game will be seen as a must win by them if they are to continue with that goal.

On Monday, winger Anthony Pilkington was named in the PFA's League One Team of the Year, after continued fine form and 14 goals.

The Dons come into this match with just one defeat in the last 11 so fans can expect a riproaring affair.

Striker Sam Baldock looks as if he has recovered and is available.

Plymouth Argyle
League One
Easter Monday
Home Park
KO 3pm

BOTTOM club Plymouth had ten points deduced earlier this season and are currently seven points from safety, and with games running out this season they have very little time left to salvage a place in the league.

A win at fellow strugglers Dagenham and Redbridge on Friday could see them fired up for their home fixture against Dons.

Depending on Friday's results MK Dons may have secured a play off place before the referee blows the starting whistle but any hiccups now could be very costly.

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Three-stop strategy pays off for wonderful Webber

RED Bull's Sebastian Vettel's winning streak came to an end on Sunday in China.

Despite starting in pole he finished behind the McLaren of Lewis Hamilton, but the story of the race was that of team mate Mark Webber.

Australian Webber finished on the podium after a catastrophic qualifying that saw him starting on the 9th row of the grid in 18th position.

Webber chose a three-stop strategy which paid off as he overtook Jenson Button on the penultimate lap to grab third spot.

Championship leader Vettel found himself down in third place after a poor start that saw both Button and Hamilton beat him to the first bend.

As the race unfolded it looked as if Vettel's two stop strategy was right until the final five laps as the flying Hamilton, on fresher tyres, caught and passed him with ease.

Webber, on the other hand, saved the best until last as he scythed his way through the field gaining 15 places and passing seven times world champion Michael Schumacher and another former champion Fernando Alonso on the way.

Mark Webber celebrates his blast from 18th to third place in the Shanghai GP

In the end Webber was just two seconds behind his team mate and seven behind the race winner.

A jubilant Webber said: "It was a good job today. The car performed well, the guys did some good pit stops for me and I had to do a bit of driving as well.

"I don't want to get into the business of saying whether or not it was one of my best drives, I was just doing what I'm paid to do."

With only one retirement in the race it meant that Webber had to overtake in order to progress.

From lap 24, however, his job got harder when the KERS system on his car packed up. But he carried on unperturbed and he set the fastest lap of the race on lap 42, some 1.4 seconds faster than anyone else.

Vettel remains on top of the drivers championship with 68 points 21 infront of Hamilton with Webber in forth place on 37 points.

On the constructors front Red Bull lead the way with 105 points from McLaren, 85 and Ferrari on 50.

The Formula One circus next moves to Istanbul Park for the Turkish GP on May 8.

Bucks blast out newcomers Notts

BASEBALL

Nottingham Rebels 8
MK Bucks 14

ON SUNDAY the MK Bucks Baseball Club travelled to Nottingham to play their first game of the season against newcomers Nottingham Rebels.

The first game was very close, with both starting pitchers struggling to find the strike zone.

Walks and errors accounted for many of the runs, but some timely hitting from Jarrod Pretorius saw the Bucks go into the final inning leading 8-5.

The Rebels launched an attack of their own and managed to tie the game, however an exciting game saving catch by Simon Felstead took the game into extra innings.

With the Rebels starting pitcher running out of gas, the Bucks took advantage and busted the Rebels spirit by putting six runs on the board, ending the game.

Bucks debutant starting pitcher Steve Miller continued on the mound and closed out the game with the help of some outstanding team play, which saw the Bucks winning the first game of the season.

Nottingham Rebels 6
MK Bucks 18

THEIR second game of the season was an easier time for the Bucks as their pitching proved too strong for the Rebels.

Tom McVay took to the mound and the Bucks batters put the ball in play, pulled away from the Rebels and never let them in the game.

Bucks debutant shortstop Ed Wilmott scored four times in the game. Other Bucks debutants Mo Hamdan and Sid Benbow both had key hits during the match.

The sixth inning was ended by E J Ayala fielding a hard hit ground ball to second base and throwing the runner out at first base. The game was then halted due to the slaughter rule, which saw it score at 18-6.

RUGBY

Local teams both end season on a high note

Olney 33
Buckingham 21

IN THE last game of the season, Olney hoped to complete the double after winning 15-27 in the first game of the season.

The game started at a high tempo with both teams looking keen for an early score, and it was Olney who were first to score a try from second row Liam Lancaster making a clean break and fly half Mark Marwood converting, putting Olney ahead 7-3.

After the Olney players then defended for what seemed like a lifetime, they had a phase of attack and prop Mike Ormesher proved influential making a strong break himself to score Olney's second try.

With only minutes before the half time break, Buckingham were once again pressing the Olney defence, and were rewarded with a converted try before the break, taking the score to 14-10 at half time.

It was not long before the visitors got back into the game scoring three points from a penalty taking the score to a very close 14-13, before scoring an unconverted try taking the lead 14-18.

But from further Buckingham pressure, winger James Padfield sped away before off loading to Marwood to complete the try and conversion.

Both sides began to play more explosive rugby, and it was Olney's Captain, Chris Parnham who was next to make a break and score.

Back row George Stanton completed Olney's fifth try of the afternoon, giving Olney a respectable home win.

Bletchley 28
Old Oakmedians 5

THIS was a big game for Bletchley who had to gain the points to make sure they did not fall into the relegation zone.

Their opponents were Old Oakmedians, who at this point were already relegated but made the long journey up from Bournemouth to fulfil the league fixture.

Bletchley were slow off the mark and mistakes in the backs allowed Oakmedians to break through with an overlap and score the first try of the game. Then near the visitor's 22, Dagan Probert picked up and went blind side, making ground before passing to Matt Nobes to score an excellent try.

Bletchley were starting to take control but were making unforced errors through poor passing.

Number eight Probert then picked up from a scrum and took it on before passing to centre Simon Pitfield who wriggled through, handing off players to score a try under the posts.

In the second half, 6ft 9in lock Adam Dempsey ran more than 30 metres to score under the posts.

After 25 minutes, the ball came out along the line to Simon Pitfield who straightened up for a run at the Oakmedians defence. Once again his weaving run and handing off defenders proved too good and he accelerated through to score his second try of the afternoon under the posts.

Barring any late rule changes, Bletchley will now fight another season in the league after dragging themselves up to tenth.

SPORT SHORTS

Leighton hosts Jamega

A LEIGHTON Buzzard Golf Club will be hosting the sixth tournament of the 2011 Jamega Tour schedule.

The event is due to take place on May 16 and 17 with a Pro-Am on May 15.

The Jamega Tour has been established for seven years and is going from strength to strength. The tour is committed to developing professional tournament golf throughout the UK. Each tournament is played over two days, with 18 holes being played each day in groups of two or three.

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Anyone who wants further details can call 01296 662 020, or e-mail enquiries@mentmorecountryclub.co.uk.

Rower reaches final

A NEWPORT Pagnell rower is among those to have reached the final GB Rowing Team Senior Trials.

Tom Broadway was part of the men's eight who narrowly missed out on a gold at the 2010 World Rowing Championships and now hopes to secure a place in the coveted senior squad for the first World Cup event in May in Munich.

Swimmers first in five

CITY of Milton Keynes Swim Club travelled to the Peterborough Regional Pool for the fourth and final round of the COP's Mini Meet Grand Prix on Saturday.

The team produced first-place finishers in five categories, with 12-year-old Oliver Lines being named Top Boy Swimmer overall, Lauren Parker, 12, being named Top Girl Swimmer and the team winning best overall visiting team for the third year running.

Youngster impresses

JUNIOR tennis player Lauren Armstrong, ten, was recently recognised as a potential future tennis star.

The Middleton Primary School pupil impressed the team at the Lawn Tennis Association' national Talent ID finals in Roehampton, whose job it is to spot future performance players.

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Goalscorer Sean O'Hanlon rises to head away a corner against Swindon on Saturday – see report on page 66

Dons boss keeps cool on play-off possibility

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THE city is buzzing with the prospect of play-off action.

After last week's dramatic late win over Carlisle and Saturday's hard-fought 1-0 victory against Swindon, many of the country's footballing pundits have MK Dons marked as a shoe-in for the end of season showpiece.

But however exciting thoughts of Old Trafford may be for the fans, boss Karl Robinson is certainly not allowing himself to get carried away.

And he admitted plans for the play-offs have already been a long time in the making, to ensure his men are as prepared as possible should they make it.

"We've always had play-offs planned in the back of our mind," he said. "We've been planning for them for a long time, we can't just go into the games and tear them up.

"We've studied a few teams who've been in the play-offs before and how they prepare and go into the games.

"I can't say yes, we are there, but we've always had a plan."

Although there are no longer any teams below the Dons with several ominous games in hand, Robinson will not allow himself to relax just yet.

He said: "I've never feared anything, a team, a game in hand – our team has been phenomenal and we've always gone about the job in a very classy, professional way.

"There's nothing to take for granted until we are in the top six."

He is now looking forward to a tough home game with Huddersfield at 3pm on Good Friday which, if they win and Rochdale lose to Carlisle on Saturday, will mathematically confirm their place in the top six.

He said: "I love playing at home, there's a real passion when we come here. All I can say is, the one thing we will give is 100 per cent effort and always try and win."

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UNDER 18		7.00	84.00	3.65	10.00	11.25	90.00	3.91	96.00	4.17
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